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SUBJECT: ZAIRE DELEGATION TO IPU MEETING IN BUCHAREST

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1. ZAIRE WILL SEND FOLLOWING PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION
TO IPU MEETING BUCHAREST, APRIL 11-20:

A. KAPWASSA KILISHINGA, 42, FIRST VP OF NATIONAL
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND HEAD OF DELEGATION.
KAPWASSA, NATIVE OF SHABA REGION (FORMERLY
KATANGA), HAS BEEN IMPORTANT POLITICAL FIGURE
SINCE 1960. HE WAS LEADING MEMBER OF ANTI-
TSHOMBE, ANTI-SEPARATIST GROUP IN KATANGA. HE
HAS BEEN SEC GEN OF ZAIRE'S ONLY POLITICAL PARTY,
THE MPR. ALSO POLITICAL BUREAU MEMBER. KAPWASSA
ATTENDED UNGA MEETING IN 1968. SPEAKS FRENCH,
NO ENGLISH.

B. KABANGI KAUMBU SHIDIKA, 52, PEOPLES COMMISSIONER
REPRESENTING ELECTORAL DISTRICT IN BAS-ZAIRE
REGION, MEMBER INTERPARLIAMENTARY COUNCIL. HE
HELD MINISTERIAL POSITIONS IN EARLY 60'S AND WAS
MEMBER OF MPR POLITICAL BUREAU. KABANGI WAS
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MEMBER ZAIRE DELEGATION TO 1973 IPU MEETING IN

ABIDJAN. US VISIT 1964 UNDER AID GRANT. NO ENGLISH.

C. MBENZA TUBI, ATTENDED 1973 IPU MEETING IN ABIDJAN. NATIVE OF BAS-ZAIRE. AS PEOPLE'S COMMISSIONER, REPRESENTS DISTRICT IN KASAI WEST. MEMBER OF INTERPARLIAMENTARY COUNCIL. FORMER HEAD OF TEACHER'S UNION. NO US TRAVEL, NO ENGLISH.

D. SANGARA TABARO, 54, PEOPLE'S COMMISSIONER REPRESENTING DISTRICT IN KIVU REGION WHERE HE ALSO BORN. FORMER PRESIDENT AIR CONGO. NO KNOWN US TRAVEL.

E. T'ASSA WEMBADINO SHINGA. HOLDS TITLE OF COUNSELOR FOR FOREIGN RELATIONS. YOUNG, COLLEGE EDUCATED, SPEAKS A LITTLE ENGLISH. NO US TRAVEL BUT VERY INTERESTED IN US, WELL DISPOSED TOWARDS AMERICANS.

F. KABONZO SHAMBUYI KANIAMA WA KALAMBAYI. HOLDS POSITION AS DIRGEN OF NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. CIVIL SERVANT. NO US TRAVEL.

2. ZAIRIAN DELEGATES WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRESS ACHIEVED BY ZAIRE SINCE INDEPENDENCE AND ROLE PLAYED BY USG AND US PRIVATE INDUSTRY IN THIS PROGRESS. FOR EXAMPLE, MORRISON KNUDSEN BEGINNING CONSTRUCT WORLD'S LARGEST HIGH TENSION LINE BETWEEN INGA DAM NEAR ATLANTIC AND COPPER MINES IN SHABA ABOUT 1000 MILES DISTANT. REYNOLDS ALUMINUM CONSIDERING BUILDING ALUMINUM COMPLEX. SINCE SPRING SESSION NAT. LEG. COUNCIL BEGAN 1 APRIL, ZAIRIAN DELEGATES WOULD PROBABLY ENTERTAIN QUESTIONS ABOUT ISSUES THEY LIKELY TO DEAL WITH DURING THE SESSION. CONVERSELY, US DELEGATION SHOULD BE READY FIELD QUESTIONS RE WATERGATE AND IMPEACHMENT PROCEEDINGS. SUGGEST DISCUSSION OF BELGIAN-ZAIRIAN RELATIONS, CURRENTLY TROUBLED, BE AVOIDED. ANDREW

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